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NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION
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1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

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15 January 2001 (15.01.01)

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2. The election was

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made before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date or, where Rule 32 applies, within the time limit under Rule 32.2(b).

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IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

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NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

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1. The applicant is hereby notified that this International Preliminary Examining Authority transmits herewith the international preliminary examination report and its annexes, if any, established on the international application.
2. A copy of the report and its annexes, if any, is being transmitted to the International Bureau for communication to all the elected Offices.
3. Where required by any of the elected Offices, the International Bureau will prepare an English translation of the report (but not of any annexes) and will transmit such translation to those Offices.
4. REMINDER

The applicant must enter the national phase before each elected Office by performing certain acts (filing translations and paying national fees) within 30 months from the priority date (or later in some Offices) (Article 39(1)) (see also the reminder sent by the International Bureau with Form PCT/IB/301).

Where a translation of the international application must be furnished to an elected Office, that translation must contain a translation of any annexes to the international preliminary examination report. It is the applicant's responsibility to prepare and furnish such translation directly to each elected Office concerned.

For further details on the applicable time limits and requirements of the elected Offices, see Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

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WRITTEN OPINION

(PCT Rule 66)

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International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC H04L12/66		
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1. This written opinion is the first drawn up by this International Preliminary Examining Authority.

2. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the opinion
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain document cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

3. The applicant is hereby invited to reply to this opinion.

When? See the time limit indicated above. The applicant may, before the expiration of that time limit, request this Authority to grant an extension, see Rule 66.2(d).

How? By submitting a written reply, accompanied, where appropriate, by amendments, according to Rule 66.3. For the form and the language of the amendments, see Rules 66.8 and 66.9.

Also: For an additional opportunity to submit amendments, see Rule 66.4. For the examiner's obligation to consider amendments and/or arguments, see Rule 66.4 bis. For an informal communication with the examiner, see Rule 66.6.

If no reply is filed, the international preliminary examination report will be established on the basis of this opinion.

4. The final date by which the international preliminary examination report must be established according to Rule 69.2 is: 21/10/2001.

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I. Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this opinion as "originally filed"):

Description, pages:

1-9 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-19 as originally filed

Drawings, sheets:

1/4-4/4 as originally filed

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- contained in the international application in written form.
- filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- the description, pages:
- the claims, Nos.:

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the drawings, sheets:

5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

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| 1. Statement | | |
| Novelty (N) | Claims | 1-19 |
| Inventive step (IS) | Claims | 1-19 |
| Industrial applicability (IA) | Claims | |

- 2. Citations and explanations
see separate sheet**

VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:
see separate sheet

The claims of the application appear to meet the requirements of Articles 33(2) and (3) PCT. More details will be given in the written report. Nevertheless, the following defects are present in the application.

VII- Certain Defects

- a) The claims do not meet the requirements of Rule 6.2(b) PCT in that they do not contain reference signs.
- b) The independent claims do not meet the requirements of Rule 6.3(b) PCT in that they are not divided into the two-part form.
- c) The most relevant of the documents cited in the International Search Report should be referenced and briefly discussed in the description, Rule 5.1(a)(ii), PCT.

for transmitting voice using so called internet telephony. As the data transmission capacity of the Internet increases, the use of Internet as a replacement of conventional telephones will become common. Some telephone operators already provide long distance calls via the Internet with a reduced rate.

5 Publication WO 9914929 discloses method and apparatus for placing long distance telephone calls via a packet data network and local telephone calls via local telephone network, the user of the telephone set plainly dialling the desired destination number. The routing of the call via either packet data network or telephone network is based on the destination number.

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Publication WO 9904540 discloses a system for establishing communication between two endpoints connected to each other via two communication media, for example Ethernet and ATM (Asynchronous Transfer Mode), operating in accordance with different communication protocols. A connection controller selects 15 a connection path connecting the two endpoints and configures the endpoints and an interface between the two communication media to establish a connection before any data is sent using the connection path.

Publication WO 9716007 discloses a telecommunication system, where it is possible 20 to transmit calls between terminals using a packet switched network or a packet switched network and telephone network. There is a gateway connecting a packet switched network to telephone network. A first connection is typically set up between a first terminal and the gateway via, for example, the packet switched network and a second connection is set up between a second terminal and the 25 gateway via the telephone network.

Figure 1 illustrates one possible arrangement for transmission of speech using an IP network together with a telephone network. Figure 1 shows switching elements 10a, 10b, 10c of the telephone network being connected to each other with PCM communication links 12. Further, figure 1 shows an IP network 40, and routers 30 connected to the IP network. Network elements such as IP gateways 20 connect the switching elements 10a, 10b, 10c to the routers 30. Without using the IP network, speech data from a first party PARTY A of a connection to a second party PARTY B is transferred using the PCM connections 12. The call may pass through a large number of switching elements, depending on the geographical distance spanned by the call. When the IP network 40, such as the Internet network is used, a switching element directs the speech data to an IP gateway instead of another switching element, and the IP gateway sends the speech data through the IP network to distant IP gateway connected to a distant switch element. The distant IP gateway converts the received IP packets to a speech data stream and forwards the data stream to the distant switch element for further processing. One or more legs of a call may be routed in such a way through an IP network.

One example of the proceeding of call setup according to prior art is illustrated in figure 2. Figure 2 shows the local telephone exchange 5 of a calling party PARTY A and switching elements 10a, 10b, 10c of the telephone network. First, the calling party initiates the call, whereby the local telephone exchange sends 100 an ISUP SETUP message to the next switching element 10a. The switching element 10a performs digit analysis 105 to determine, where the call should be directed. In this example, the digit analysis reveals, that the next switching element SW B 10b is an IP capable switch. As a consequence, switching element SW A 10a sends an ISUP SETUP message 110 to switching element SW B 10b. The switching element SW A 10a may include in the message an indication that it wishes to set up an IP connection, for example as a parameter specifying an IP address corresponding to the IP gateway of switch element SW A. The switching element SW B 10b responds by sending 115 a message such as a CHANNEL INFO message specifying an IP address corresponding to the IP gateway connected to switch element SW B. After receiving the IP address, switching element SW A may start sending 120 speech data to switching element B via the IP gateways and the IP network. After sending

the CHANNEL INFO message, the switching element SW B performs digit analysis 125 to determine, where it should direct the call. In this example, the digit analysis reveals that the next switching element is switching element SW C 10c, and that SW C is IP capable. As a consequence, switching element SW B 10b sends an ISUP 5 SETUP message 130 to switching element SW C 10c. The switching element SW B 10b may include in the message an indication that it wishes to set up an IP connection, for example as a parameter specifying an IP address corresponding to the IP gateway of switch element SW B. The switching element SW C 10c responds by sending 135 a message such as a CHANNEL INFO message specifying an IP 10 address corresponding to the IP gateway connected to switch element SW C. After receiving the IP address, switching element SW B may start sending 140 speech data to switching element C via the IP gateways and the IP network.

The resulting situation is not optimal regarding the efficiency of data transfer: switching element SW B receives a speech data stream from the IP network, and 15 returns the speech data stream back to the network for forwarding to switching element SW C.

The same situation may occur also in a cellular telecommunication network, in which case the switching elements 10a, 10b, 10c are switching elements of a cellular telecommunications network, such as mobile services switching centers (MSC) of a 20 GSM (Global System for Mobile communications) or a UMTS (Universal Mobile Telecommunication System) network. In a cellular telecommunication network such a situation may also occur as a result of a inter MSC handover, for example when a mobile station (MS) under control of MSC SW B moves to an area under control of MSC SW C, while having a connection to a mobile station under control of MSC 25 SW A.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

An object of the invention is to realize a method, which alleviates the problems associated with prior art. A further object of the invention is to realize such a method with minimal changes to existing protocols.

30 The objects are reached by arranging a switching element to monitor the connections, and initiate a connection release procedure, when it observes that both the incoming and outgoing leg of a connection are transmitted via a packet data network. The switching element also indicates to the originating switching element

advantageous in terms of ease of control of connections, and allows all control functions of the circuit switched network such as billing to be used despite the use of a packet data network as a part of the data transfer route.

The term user data connection in the attached patent claims therefore covers the user data connection in such systems, in which user data connections and control connections are separate. Further, the term user data connection covers the transmitted connection in systems, in which there is no separation between the payload and control aspects of a connection. Further, the user data connection can transfer speech data, images, video data, fax data, or any other type of data transferred in a circuit switched connection.

In this specification and in the attached patent claims, the term leg of a connection refers to a part of a connection from one switching element of a telephone network to another.

The IP addresses used in various embodiments of the invention may be IPv4 addresses described in detail in the specification RFC 791, or IPv6 addresses described in the specification RFC 1883. The invention can be used with both IP version 4 and IP version 6 networks, as well as other packet data networks.

The name of a given functional entity, such as the base station controller, is often different in the context of different cellular telecommunication systems. For example, in the UMTS (Universal Mobile Telecommunication System) system the functional entity corresponding to a base station controller (BSC) is the radio network controller (RNC). Therefore, the particular terminology used to denote various functional entities in this specification are only examples according to the GSM system, and do not limit the invention in any way. Further, the various command and message names such as the CHANNEL INFO message name are intended to be examples only, and the invention is not limited to using the command and message names recited in this specification.

In view of the foregoing description it will be evident to a person skilled in the art that various modifications may be made within the scope of the invention. While a preferred embodiment of the invention has been described in detail, it should be apparent that many modifications and variations thereto are possible, all of which fall within the true spirit and scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

Claims

1. Method for optimizing data transmission in a telephone network, characterized in that the method comprises at least steps, in which
 - a first switching network element (10b) examines (200, 305, 310), if the incoming leg of a user data connection is transmitted from a second switching network element (10a) via a packet data network and if the outgoing leg of the same user data connection is transmitted to a third switching network element (10c) via said packet data network,
 - if both the incoming and the outgoing legs are transmitted via said packet data network, said first switching network element indicates (210, 320) to one of said second and third switching network elements an address of said packet data network corresponding to the other of said second and third switching network elements.
2. A method according to claim 1, characterized in that the method further comprises a step, in which said first switching network element releases (240, 325) the user data connection between said first switching network element and said one of said second and third switching network elements.
3. A method according to claim 1, characterized in that said one of said second and third switching network elements is said second switching network element and said other of said second and third switching network elements is said third switching network element.
4. A method according to claim 1, characterized in that said packet data network is an IP network and said address of said packet data network is an IP address.
5. A method according to claim 4, characterized in that said address of said packet data network is an IPv4 address according to RFC 791.
6. A method according to claim 4, characterized in that said address of said packet data network is an IPv6 address according to RFC 1883.
7. A method according to claim 1, characterized in that said address corresponding to said one of said second and third switching network elements is indicated to said other of said second and third switching network elements switching element using (210) a call control release message.

8. A method according to claim 7, **characterized** in that said indication is attached (210) to a ISUP RELEASE message.
9. A method according to claim 1, **characterized** in that said connection is a speech data connection.
- 5 10. A method according to claim 1, **characterized** in that said switching network element is a network element of a cellular telecommunications network.
11. A method according to claim 1, **characterized** in that said switching network element is a MSC of a cellular telecommunications network.
- 10 12. A method according to claim 11, **characterized** in that said switching network element is a MSC of a GSM network.
13. A method according to claim 11, **characterized** in that said switching network element is a MSC of a UMTS network.
14. A switching network element (400) of a telephone network, **characterized** in that the network element comprises at least:
 - 15 - means (453) for examining the incoming and outgoing legs of connections and for producing an output if both said legs of a connection are transmitted via a packet data network instead of a circuit-switched connection,
 - means (454) for indicating a packet data network address corresponding to one of the switching network element at the receiving end of said outgoing leg and the switching network element at the originating end of said incoming leg to the other of the switching network element at the receiving end of said outgoing leg and the switching network element at the originating end of said incoming leg as a response to said output, and
 - means (455) for sending a connection release message as a response to said output to said one of the switching network element at the receiving end of said outgoing leg and the switching network element at the originating end of said incoming leg.
- 20 15. A switching network element according to claim 14, **characterized** in that said one of the switching network element at the receiving end of said outgoing leg and the switching network element at the originating end of said incoming leg is the switching network element at the receiving end of said outgoing leg; and said other of the switching network element at the receiving end of said outgoing leg and the switching network element at the originating end of said incoming leg is the switching network element at the originating end of said incoming leg.
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0-4-1	Prepared using	
PCT-EASY Version 2.90 (updated 10.05.2000)		
0-5	Petition The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty	
0-6	Receiving Office (specified by the applicant) National Board of Patents and Registration (Finland) (RO/FI)	
0-7	Applicant's or agent's file reference 50063	
I	Title of invention CALL SETUP METHOD	
II	Applicant This person is:	
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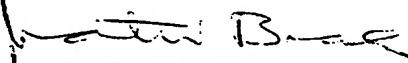
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V-5	Precautionary Designation Statement In addition to the designations made under items V-1, V-2 and V-3, the applicant also makes under Rule 4.9(b) all designations which would be permitted under the PCT except any designation(s) of the State(s) indicated under item V-6 below. The applicant declares that those additional designations are subject to confirmation and that any designation which is not confirmed before the expiration of 15 months from the priority date is to be regarded as withdrawn by the applicant at the expiration of that time limit.		
V-6	Exclusion(s) from precautionary designations NONE		
VI-1	Priority claim of earlier national application VI-1-1 Filing date 21 June 1999 (21.06.1999) VI-1-2 Number 991413 VI-1-3 Country FI		
VI-2	Priority document request The receiving Office is requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) identified above as item(s): VI-1		
VII-1	International Searching Authority Chosen European Patent Office (EPO) (ISA/EP)		
VIII	Check list		
VIII-1	Request	number of sheets	electronic file(s) attached
VIII-2	Description	4	-
VIII-3	Claims	9	-
VIII-4	Abstract	3	-
VIII-5	Drawings	1	50063.txt
VIII-7	TOTAL	21	
VIII-8	Accompanying items		
VIII-9	Fee calculation sheet	✓	-
VIII-10	Separate signed power of attorney	✓	-
VIII-11	Copy of general power of attorney	✓	-
VIII-12	PCT-EASY diskette	-	diskette
VIII-13	Figure of the drawings which should accompany the abstract	3	
VIII-14	Language of filing of the international application English		
IX-1	Signature of applicant or agent 		
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10-2	Drawings:	
10-2-1	Received	
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10-3	Corrected date of actual receipt due to later but timely received papers or drawings completing the purported international application	
10-4	Date of timely receipt of the required corrections under PCT Article 11(2)	
10-5	International Searching Authority	ISA/EP
10-6	Transmittal of search copy delayed until search fee is paid	

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PCT (ANNEX - FEE CALCULATION SHEET)

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12-1	Transmittal fee	T	⇒ 800
12-2	Search fee	S	⇒ 5 618.71
12-3	International fee Basic fee (first 30 sheets)	b1	2 431.8
12-4	Remaining sheets		0
12-5	Additional amount	(X)	53.51
12-6	Total additional amount	b2	0
12-7	b1 + b2 =	B	2 431.8
12-8	Designation fees Number of designations contained in international application		87
12-9	Number of designation fees payable (maximum 8)		8
12-10	Amount of designation fee	(X)	523.22
12-11	Total designation fees	D	4 185.76
12-12	PCT-EASY fee reduction	R	-749.16
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12-15	Fee per document	(X)	422
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PCT-EASY INFORMATION SHEET

(For applicant use only, DO NOT submit this sheet with the international application)

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Before submitting the International Application, please carefully verify that:

- the information contained on printed Request form is correct;
- Box IX of the Request form has been signed;
- all elements of the International application as indicated in Box VIII of the Request form have been attached; and,
- the diskette containing the PCT-EASY zip file of the International Application has been enclosed and has been clearly labeled "PCT-EASY", with the applicant's or agent's file reference, and the first applicant's name.

ATTENTION

DO NOT modify any indications on the Request form printout. The attached PCT-EASY application has been locked. If an error or an omission is discovered at this time, you must copy the submitted application as a template and make the change or correction in a new application (using the submitted application as a template). You may create such a template by copying the submitted application from the "Stored Forms" folder to the "New PCT Forms" folder. Open the new (.OWO) file created in the "New PCT Forms" folder, correct the errors and proceed with the submission process again.

The demand must be filed directly with the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority if two or more Authorities are competent, with the one chosen by the applicant. The name or two-letter code of that Authority may be indicated by the applicant on the line below:
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DEMAND

PCT Chapter I

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under Article 31 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

The undersigned requests that the international application specified below be the subject of international preliminary examination according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty and hereby elects all eligible States (except where otherwise indicated).

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Identification of IPEA	Date of receipt of DEMAND
Box No. I IDENTIFICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION	
International application No. PCT/FI00/00555	International filing date (day/month/year) 21 June 2000 (21.6.00)
(Earliest) Priority date (day/month/year) 21 June 1999 (21.6.99)	
Title of invention Call setup method	
Box No. II APPLICANT(S)	
Name and address: (Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.) NOKIA NETWORKS OY P.O.Box 300, FIN-00045 NOKIA GROUP, Finland	Telephone No.: Facsimile No.: Teleprinter No.:
State (that is, country) of nationality: Finland	State (that is, country) of residence: Finland
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Name and address: (Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.) HARNO, Jarmo Hiidenportti 12 B, FIN-02750 ESPOO, Finland	
State (that is, country) of nationality:	State (that is, country) of residence:
<input type="checkbox"/> Further applicants are indicated on a continuation sheet.	

Box No. III AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE; OR ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE

The following person is agent common representative

and has been appointed earlier and represents the applicant(s) also for international preliminary examination.

is hereby appointed and any earlier appointment of (an) agent(s)/common representative is hereby revoked.

is hereby appointed, specifically for the procedure before the International Preliminary Examining Authority, in addition to the agent(s)/common representative appointed earlier.

Name and address: (Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation.
The address must include postal code and name of country.)

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Box No. IV BASIS FOR INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

Statement concerning amendments:*

1. The applicant wishes the international preliminary examination to start on the basis of:

the international application as originally filed

the description as originally filed

as amended under Article 34

the claims as originally filed

as amended under Article 19 (together with any accompanying statement)

as amended under Article 34

the drawings as originally filed

as amended under Article 34

2. The applicant wishes any amendment to the claims under Article 19 to be considered as reversed.

3. The applicant wishes the start of the international preliminary examination to be postponed until the expiration of 20 months from the priority date unless the International Preliminary Examining Authority receives a copy of any amendments made under Article 19 or a notice from the applicant that he does not wish to make such amendments (Rule 69.1(d)). (This check-box may be marked only where the time limit under Article 19 has not yet expired.)

- * Where no check-box is marked, international preliminary examination will start on the basis of the international application as originally filed or, where a copy of amendments to the claims under Article 19 and/or amendments of the international application under Article 34 are received by the International Preliminary Examining Authority before it has begun to draw up a written opinion or the international preliminary examination report, as so amended.

Language for the purposes of international preliminary examination: English

which is the language in which the international application was filed.

which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search.

which is the language of publication of the international application.

which is the language of the translation (to be) furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination.

Box No. V ELECTION OF STATES

The applicant hereby elects all eligible States (that is, all States which have been designated and which are bound by Chapter II of the PCT)

excluding the following States which the applicant wishes not to elect:

Box No. VI CHECK LIST

The demand is accompanied by the following elements, in the language referred to in Box No. IV, for the purposes of international preliminary examination:

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| 1. translation of international application | : | sheets |
| 2. amendments under Article 34 | : | sheets |
| 3. copy (or, where required, translation) of amendments under Article 19 | : | sheets |
| 4. copy (or, where required, translation) of statement under Article 19 | : | sheets |
| 5. letter | : | sheets |
| 6. other (specify) | : | sheets |

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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The demand is also accompanied by the item(s) marked below:

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fee calculation sheet | 4. <input type="checkbox"/> statement explaining lack of signature |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> separate signed power of attorney | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> nucleotide and or amino acid sequence listing in computer readable form |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> copy of general power of attorney; reference number, if any: | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify): |

Box No. VII SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE

Next to each signature, indicate the name of the person signing and the capacity in which the person signs (if such capacity is not obvious from reading the demand).

BERGGREN OY AB

Sirpa Kuisma

Sirpa Kuisma
Patent Agent

HELSINKI, Finland 15 January 2001

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1. Date of actual receipt of DEMAND:

2. Adjusted date of receipt of demand due to CORRECTIONS under Rule 60.1(b):

3. The date of receipt of the demand is AFTER the expiration of 19 months from the priority date and item 4 or 5, below, does not apply. The applicant has been informed accordingly.
4. The date of receipt of the demand is WITHIN the period of 19 months from the priority date as extended by virtue of Rule 80.5.
5. Although the date of receipt of the demand is after the expiration of 19 months from the priority date, the delay in arrival is EXCUSED pursuant to Rule 82.

For International Bureau use only

Demand received from IPEA on:

FEE CALCULATION SHEET

Annex to the Demand for international preliminary examination

International application No. PCT/FI00/00555

For International Preliminary Examining Authority use only

Applicant's or agent's file reference 50063/SKU/PKK

Date stamp of the IPEA

Applicant

NOKIA NETWORKS OY

Calculation of prescribed fees

1. Preliminary examination fee

EUR 1533

P

2. Handling fee (Applicants from certain States are entitled to a reduction of 75% of the handling fee. Where the applicant is (or all applicants are) so entitled, the amount to be entered at H is 25% of the handling fee.)

EUR 147

H

3. Total of prescribed fees

Add the amounts entered at P and H and enter total in the TOTAL box

EUR 1680

TOTAL

Mode of Payment

authorization to charge deposit account with the IPEA (see below)

cheque

postal money order

bank draft

 cash revenue stamps coupons other (specify):Bank transfer to account
157230-340380

Deposit Account Authorization (this mode of payment may not be available at all IPEAs)

The IPEA/ is hereby authorized to charge the total fees indicated above to my deposit account. (this check-box may be marked only if the conditions for deposit accounts of the IPEA so permit) is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the total fees indicated above to my deposit account.

Deposit Account Number

Date (day/month/year)

Signature

PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

From the INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

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NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF
THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT
OR THE DECLARATION

(PCT Rule 44.1)

To:
BERGGREN OY AB
P.O. Box 16
FIN-00101 Helsinki
FINLAND

Berggren Oy Ab

16-10-2000

Applicant's or agent's file reference
50063

Date of mailing
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12/10/2000

International application No.
PCT/FI 00/00555

International filing date
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21/06/2000

Applicant

NOKIA NETWORKS OY

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12/12/00*

1. The applicant is hereby notified that the International Search Report has been established and is transmitted herewith.

Filing of amendments and statement under Article 19:

The applicant is entitled, if he so wishes, to amend the claims of the International Application (see Rule 46):

When? The time limit for filing such amendments is normally 2 months from the date of transmittal of the International Search Report; however, for more details, see the notes on the accompanying sheet.

Where? Directly to the International Bureau of WIPO
34, chemin des Colombettes
1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland
Facsimile No.: (41-22) 740.14.35

For more detailed instructions, see the notes on the accompanying sheet.

2. The applicant is hereby notified that no International Search Report will be established and that the declaration under Article 17(2)(a) to that effect is transmitted herewith.

3. With regard to the protest against payment of (an) additional fee(s) under Rule 40.2, the applicant is notified that:

the protest together with the decision thereon has been transmitted to the International Bureau together with the applicant's request to forward the texts of both the protest and the decision thereon to the designated Offices.

no decision has been made yet on the protest; the applicant will be notified as soon as a decision is made.

4. **Further action(s):** The applicant is reminded of the following:

Shortly after 18 months from the priority date, the international application will be published by the International Bureau. If the applicant wishes to avoid or postpone publication, a notice of withdrawal of the international application, or of the priority claim, must reach the International Bureau as provided in Rules 90bis.1 and 90bis.3, respectively, before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication.

Within 19 months from the priority date, a demand for international preliminary examination must be filed if the applicant wishes to postpone the entry into the national phase until 30 months from the priority date (in some Offices even later).

Within 20 months from the priority date, the applicant must perform the prescribed acts for entry into the national phase before all designated Offices which have not been elected in the demand or in a later election within 19 months from the priority date or could not be elected because they are not bound by Chapter II.

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Carole Emery

NOTES TO FORM PCT/ISA/220

These Notes are intended to give the basic instructions concerning the filing of amendments under article 19. The Notes are based on the requirements of the Patent Cooperation Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions under that Treaty. In case of discrepancy between these Notes and those requirements, the latter are applicable. For more detailed information, see also the PCT Applicant's Guide, a publication of WIPO.

In these Notes, "Article", "Rule", and "Section" refer to the provisions of the PCT, the PCT Regulations and the PCT Administrative Instructions, respectively.

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING AMENDMENTS UNDER ARTICLE 19

The applicant has, after having received the international search report, one opportunity to amend the claims of the international application. It should however be emphasized that, since all parts of the international application (claims, description and drawings) may be amended during the international preliminary examination procedure, there is usually no need to file amendments of the claims under Article 19 except where, e.g. the applicant wants the latter to be published for the purposes of provisional protection or has another reason for amending the claims before international publication. Furthermore, it should be emphasized that provisional protection is available in some States only.

What parts of the international application may be amended?

Under Article 19, only the claims may be amended.

During the international phase, the claims may also be amended (or further amended) under Article 34 before the International Preliminary Examining Authority. The description and drawings may only be amended under Article 34 before the International Examining Authority.

Upon entry into the national phase, all parts of the international application may be amended under Article 28 or, where applicable, Article 41.

When? Within 2 months from the date of transmittal of the international search report or 16 months from the priority date, whichever time limit expires later. It should be noted, however, that the amendments will be considered as having been received on time if they are received by the International Bureau after the expiration of the applicable time limit but before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication (Rule 46.1).

Where not to file the amendments?

The amendments may only be filed with the International Bureau and not with the receiving Office or the International Searching Authority (Rule 46.2).

Where a demand for international preliminary examination has been/is filed, see below.

How? Either by cancelling one or more entire claims, by adding one or more new claims or by amending the text of one or more of the claims as filed.

A replacement sheet must be submitted for each sheet of the claims which, on account of an amendment or amendments, differs from the sheet originally filed.

All the claims appearing on a replacement sheet must be numbered in Arabic numerals. Where a claim is cancelled, no renumbering of the other claims is required. In all cases where claims are renumbered, they must be renumbered consecutively (Administrative Instructions, Section 205(b)).

The amendments must be made in the language in which the international application is to be published.

What documents must/may accompany the amendments?

Letter (Section 205(b)):

The amendments must be submitted with a letter.

The letter will not be published with the international application and the amended claims. It should not be confused with the "Statement under Article 19(1)" (see below, under "Statement under Article 19(1)").

The letter must be in English or French, at the choice of the applicant. However, if the language of the international application is English, the letter must be in English; if the language of the international application is French, the letter must be in French.

NOTES TO FORM PCT/ISA/220 (continued)

The letter must indicate the differences between the claims as filed and the claims as amended. It must, in particular, indicate, in connection with each claim appearing in the international application (it being understood that identical indications concerning several claims may be grouped), whether

- (i) the claim is unchanged;
- (ii) the claim is cancelled;
- (iii) the claim is new;
- (iv) the claim replaces one or more claims as filed;
- (v) the claim is the result of the division of a claim as filed.

The following examples illustrate the manner in which amendments must be explained in the accompanying letter:

1. [Where originally there were 48 claims and after amendment of some claims there are 51]:
"Claims 1 to 29, 31, 32, 34, 35, 37 to 48 replaced by amended claims bearing the same numbers; claims 30, 33 and 36 unchanged; new claims 49 to 51 added."
2. [Where originally there were 15 claims and after amendment of all claims there are 11]:
"Claims 1 to 15 replaced by amended claims 1 to 11."
3. [Where originally there were 14 claims and the amendments consist in cancelling some claims and in adding new claims]:
"Claims 1 to 6 and 14 unchanged; claims 7 to 13 cancelled; new claims 15, 16 and 17 added." or
"Claims 7 to 13 cancelled; new claims 15, 16 and 17 added; all other claims unchanged."
4. [Where various kinds of amendments are made]:
"Claims 1-10 unchanged; claims 11 to 13, 18 and 19 cancelled; claims 14, 15 and 16 replaced by amended claim 14; claim 17 subdivided into amended claims 15, 16 and 17; new claims 20 and 21 added."

"Statement under article 19(1)" (Rule 46.4)

The amendments may be accompanied by a statement explaining the amendments and indicating any impact that such amendments might have on the description and the drawings (which cannot be amended under Article 19(1)).

The statement will be published with the international application and the amended claims.

It must be in the language in which the international application is to be published.

It must be brief, not exceeding 500 words if in English or if translated into English.

It should not be confused with and does not replace the letter indicating the differences between the claims as filed and as amended. It must be filed on a separate sheet and must be identified as such by a heading, preferably by using the words "Statement under Article 19(1)."

It may not contain any disparaging comments on the international search report or the relevance of citations contained in that report. Reference to citations, relevant to a given claim, contained in the international search report may be made only in connection with an amendment of that claim.

Consequence if a demand for international preliminary examination has already been filed

If, at the time of filing any amendments and any accompanying statement, under Article 19, a demand for international preliminary examination has already been submitted, the applicant must preferably, at the time of filing the amendments (and any statement) with the International Bureau, also file with the International Preliminary Examining Authority a copy of such amendments (and of any statement) and, where required, a translation of such amendments for the procedure before that Authority (see Rules 55.3(a) and 62.2, first sentence). For further information, see the Notes to the demand form (PCT/IPEA/401).

Consequence with regard to translation of the international application for entry into the national phase

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that, upon entry into the national phase, a translation of the claims as amended under Article 19 may have to be furnished to the designated/elected Offices, instead of, or in addition to, the translation of the claims as filed.

For further details on the requirements of each designated/elected Office, see Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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Applicant's or agent's file reference 50063	FOR FURTHER ACTION	See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)
International application No. PCT/FI00/00555	International filing date (day/month/year) 21/06/2000	Priority date (day/month/year) 21/06/1999
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC H04L12/66		
Applicant NOKIA NETWORKS OY		
<p>1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).</p> <p>These annexes consist of a total of 6 sheets.</p>		
<p>3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority III <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability IV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement VI <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited VII <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application VIII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application 		

Date of submission of the demand 15/01/2001	Date of completion of this report 20.09.2001
Name and mailing address of the international preliminary examining authority: European Patent Office D-80298 Munich Tel. +49 89 2399 - 0 Tx: 523656 epmu d Fax: +49 89 2399 - 4465	Authorized officer Hamer, J Telephone No. +49 89 2399 8827



INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No. PCT/FI00/00555

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)*):

Description, pages:

1,4-8 as originally filed

2,2a,3,9 as received on 16/08/2001 with letter of 13/08/2001

Claims, No.:

16-19 as originally filed

1-15 as received on 16/08/2001 with letter of 13/08/2001

Drawings, sheets:

1/4-4/4 as originally filed

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- contained in the international application in written form.
- filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT**

International application No. PCT/FI00/00555

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- the description, pages:
 the claims, Nos.:
 the drawings, sheets:

5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

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|-------------------------------|------|--------|------|
| Novelty (N) | Yes: | Claims | 1-19 |
| | No: | Claims | |
| Inventive step (IS) | Yes: | Claims | 1-19 |
| | No: | Claims | |
| Industrial applicability (IA) | Yes: | Claims | 1-19 |
| | No: | Claims | |

2. Citations and explanations
see separate sheet

VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:
see separate sheet

V- Reasoned Statement

1. Claim 1

The subject-matter of claim 1 of the present invention is concerned with a method for optimizing data transmission in a telephone network. In particular, the claim is concerned with connections through a packet network which is also connected to a switching network. A call may pass through many switching elements in a network, but some legs of the connection may use Internet or other network telephony protocols through a packet switched network. The reason for this may be cost. If a packet switched call arrives at a switching network node and is rerouted by this switching node back into the packet network, this can be an inefficient use of resources.

Internet telephony is known per se in the prior art. The above mentioned problem is not found in any of the available prior art documents. Of these, WO 99 14929 A1 (MEDIATRIX PERIPHERALS INC.) 25 March 1999 routes calls to a packet switched network according to pre-determined rules. WO 99 04540 A1 (MADGE NETWORKS LTD.) 28 January 1999 also deals with Internet telephony and is only concerned with the two end points of the call. A packet switched circuit is set up in a packet network between these two points. WO 97 16007 A1 (TELECOM FINLAND OY) 1 May 1997 is concerned with a gateway between a telephone network and a packet network. No mention of nodes at different points along the way is made.

In claim 1, the problem is solved by an intermediate node of a telephone network checking if both incoming and outgoing legs of the connection are packet switched. If this is the case (meaning that the intermediate circuit switched node is not required), it indicates to one of the originating or destination packet switch nodes the packet switched network address of its counterpart. The advantage of this is that the circuit switched node need no longer be part of the connection, leading to greater efficiency for the data transfer.

The remainder of the documents found in the international search report deal with background art only. The features of claim 1 are not found in any of the available

**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT - SEPARATE SHEET**

International application No. PCT/FI00/00555

documents, not even in combination. As a result, claim 1 involves an inventive step and meets the requirements of Article 33(3) PCT.

2. Independent claim 14

The subject-matter of independent claim 14 is essentially the same as that of claim 1, but expressed in terms of apparatus features. Thus for the same reasons outlined above, claim 14 also meets the requirements of Articles 33(2) and (3) PCT.

3. Dependent claims 2 to 13 and 15 to 19

The subject-matter of dependent claims 2 to 13 and 15 to 19 includes features which further restrict the scope of claims 1 and 14 respectively. As a result, these claims also meet the requirements of Articles 33(2) and (3) PCT.

VII- Certain Defects

The words "spirit and" should be deleted from the last line of the description as they render the scope of monopoly protection desired unclear (see PG-III,4.3a).

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for transmitting voice using so called internet telephony. As the data transmission capacity of the Internet increases, the use of Internet as a replacement of conventional telephones will become common. Some telephone operators already provide long distance calls via the Internet with a reduced rate.

5 Figure 1 illustrates one possible arrangement for transmission of speech using an IP network together with a telephone network. Figure 1 shows switching elements 10a, 10b, 10c of the telephone network being connected to each other with PCM communication links 12. Further, figure 1 shows an IP network 40, and routers 30 connected to the IP network. Network elements such as IP gateways 20 connect the
10 switching elements 10a, 10b, 10c to the routers 30. Without using the IP network, speech data from a first party PARTY A of a connection to a second party PARTY B is transferred using the PCM connections 12. The call may pass through a large number of switching elements, depending on the geographical distance spanned by the call. When the IP network 40, such as the Internet network is used, a switching
15 element directs the speech data to an IP gateway instead of another switching element, and the IP gateway sends the speech data through the IP network to distant IP gateway connected to a distant switch element. The distant IP gateway converts the received IP packets to a speech data stream and forwards the data stream to the distant switch element for further processing. One or more legs of a call may be
20 routed in such a way through an IP network.

One example of the proceeding of call setup according to prior art is illustrated in figure 2. Figure 2 shows the local telephone exchange 5 of a calling party PARTY A and switching elements 10a, 10b, 10c of the telephone network. First, the calling party initiates the call, whereby the local telephone exchange sends 100 an ISUP
25 SETUP message to the next switching element 10a. The switching element 10a performs digit analysis 105 to determine, where the call should be directed. In this example, the digit analysis reveals, that the next switching element SW B 10b is an IP capable switch. As a consequence, switching element SW A 10a sends an ISUP SETUP message 110 to switching element SW B 10b. The switching element SW A
30 10a may include in the message an indication that it wishes to set up an IP connection, for example as a parameter specifying an IP address corresponding to the IP gateway of switch element SW A. The switching element SW B 10b responds by sending 115 a message such as a CHANNEL INFO message specifying an IP address corresponding to the IP gateway connected to switch element SW B. After
35 receiving the IP address, switching element SW A may start sending 120 speech data to switching element B via the IP gateways and the IP network. After sending

the CHANNEL INFO message, the switching element SW B performs digit analysis 125 to determine, where it should direct the call. In this example, the digit analysis reveals that the next switching element is switching element SW C 10c, and that SW C is IP capable. As a consequence, switching element SW B 10b sends an ISUP 5 SETUP message 130 to switching element SW C 10c. The switching element SW B 10b may include in the message an indication that it wishes to set up an IP connection, for example as a parameter specifying an IP address corresponding to the IP gateway of switch element SW B. The switching element SW C 10c responds by sending 135 a message such as a CHANNEL INFO message specifying an IP 10 address corresponding to the IP gateway connected to switch element SW C. After receiving the IP address, switching element SW B may start sending 140 speech data to switching element C via the IP gateways and the IP network.

The resulting situation is not optimal regarding the efficiency of data transfer: 15 switching element SW B receives a speech data stream from the IP network, and returns the speech data stream back to the network for forwarding to switching element SW C.

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An object of the invention is to realize a method, which alleviates the problems associated with prior art. A further object of the invention is to realize such a method with minimal changes to existing protocols.

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Claims

1. Method for optimizing data transmission in a telephone network, characterized in that the method comprises at least steps, in which
 - a first switching network element examines, if the incoming leg of a user data connection is transmitted from a second switching network element via a packet data network and if the outgoing leg of the same user data connection is transmitted to a third switching network element via said packet data network,
 - if both the incoming and the outgoing legs are transmitted via said packet data network, said first switching network element indicates to one of said second and third switching network elements an address of said packet data network corresponding to the other of said second and third switching network elements.
2. A method according to claim 1, characterized in that the method further comprises a step, in which said first switching network element releases the user data connection between said first switching network element and said one of said second and third switching network elements.
3. A method according to claim 1, characterized in that said one of said second and third switching network elements is said second switching network element and said other of said second and third switching network elements is said third switching network element.
4. A method according to claim 1, characterized in that said packet data network is an IP network and said address of said packet data network is an IP address.
5. A method according to claim 4, characterized in that said address of said packet data network is an IPv4 address according to RFC 791.
6. A method according to claim 4, characterized in that said address of said packet data network is an IPv6 address according to RFC 1883.
7. A method according to claim 1, characterized in that said address corresponding to said one of said second and third switching network elements is indicated to said other of said second and third switching network elements switching element using a call control release message.

8. A method according to claim 7, characterized in that said indication is attached to a ISUP RELEASE message.
9. A method according to claim 1, characterized in that said connection is a speech data connection.
- 5 10. A method according to claim 1, characterized in that said switching network element is a network element of a cellular telecommunications network.
11. A method according to claim 1, characterized in that said switching network element is a MSC of a cellular telecommunications network.
- 10 12. A method according to claim 11, characterized in that said switching network element is a MSC of a GSM network.
13. A method according to claim 11, characterized in that said switching network element is a MSC of a UMTS network.
14. A switching network element of a telephone network, characterized in that the network element comprises at least
 - 15 - means for examining the incoming and outcoming legs of connections and for producing an output if both said legs of a connection are transmitted via a packet data network instead of a circuit-switched connection,
 - means for indicating a packet data network address corresponding to one of the switching network element at the receiving end of said outgoing leg and the switching network element at the originating end of said incoming leg to the other of the switching network element at the receiving end of said outgoing leg and the switching network element at the originating end of said incoming leg as a response to said output, and
 - means for sending a connection release message as a response to said output to said one of the switching network element at the receiving end of said outgoing leg and the switching network element at the originating end of said incoming leg.
- 20 25 15. A switching network element according to claim 14, characterized in that said one of the switching network element at the receiving end of said outgoing leg and the switching network element at the originating end of said incoming leg is the switching network element at the receiving end of said outgoing leg; and said other of the switching network element at the receiving end of said outgoing leg and the switching network element at the originating end of said incoming leg is the switching network element at the originating end of said incoming leg.
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for transmitting voice using so called internet telephony. As the data transmission capacity of the Internet increases, the use of Internet as a replacement of conventional telephones will become common. Some telephone operators already provide long distance calls via the Internet with a reduced rate.

- 5 Publication WO 9914929 discloses method and apparatus for placing long distance telephone calls via a packet data network and local telephone calls via local telephone network, the user of the telephone set plainly dialling the desired destination number. The routing of the call via either packet data network or telephone network is based on the destination number.

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Publication WO 9904540 discloses a system for establishing communication between two endpoints connected to each other via two communication media, for example Ethernet and ATM (Asynchronous Transfer Mode), operating in accordance with different communication protocols. A connection controller selects a connection path connecting the two endpoints and configures the endpoints and an interface between the two communication media to establish a connection before any data is sent using the connection path.

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Publication WO 9716007 discloses a telecommunication system, where it is possible to transmit calls between terminals using a packet switched network or a packet switched network and telephone network. There is a gateway connecting a packet switched network to telephone network. A first connection is typically set up between a first terminal and the gateway via, for example, the packet switched network and a second connection is set up between a second terminal and the gateway via the telephone network.

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Figure 1 illustrates one possible arrangement for transmission of speech using an IP network together with a telephone network. Figure 1 shows switching elements 10a, 10b, 10c of the telephone network being connected to each other with PCM communication links 12. Further, figure 1 shows an IP network 40, and routers 30 connected to the IP network. Network elements such as IP gateways 20 connect the switching elements 10a, 10b, 10c to the routers 30. Without using the IP network, speech data from a first party PARTY A of a connection to a second party PARTY B is transferred using the PCM connections 12. The call may pass through a large number of switching elements, depending on the geographical distance spanned by the call. When the IP network 40, such as the Internet network is used, a switching element directs the speech data to an IP gateway instead of another switching element, and the IP gateway sends the speech data through the IP network to distant IP gateway connected to a distant switch element. The distant IP gateway converts the received IP packets to a speech data stream and forwards the data stream to the distant switch element for further processing. One or more legs of a call may be routed in such a way through an IP network.

One example of the proceeding of call setup according to prior art is illustrated in figure 2. Figure 2 shows the local telephone exchange 5 of a calling party PARTY A and switching elements 10a, 10b, 10c of the telephone network. First, the calling party initiates the call, whereby the local telephone exchange sends 100 an ISUP SETUP message to the next switching element 10a. The switching element 10a performs digit analysis 105 to determine, where the call should be directed. In this example, the digit analysis reveals, that the next switching element SW B 10b is an IP capable switch. As a consequence, switching element SW A 10a sends an ISUP SETUP message 110 to switching element SW B 10b. The switching element SW A 10a may include in the message an indication that it wishes to set up an IP connection, for example as a parameter specifying an IP address corresponding to the IP gateway of switch element SW A. The switching element SW B 10b responds by sending 115 a message such as a CHANNEL INFO message specifying an IP address corresponding to the IP gateway connected to switch element SW B. After receiving the IP address, switching element SW A may start sending 120 speech data to switching element B via the IP gateways and the IP network. After sending

the CHANNEL INFO message, the switching element SW B performs digit analysis 125 to determine, where it should direct the call. In this example, the digit analysis reveals that the next switching element is switching element SW C 10c, and that SW C is IP capable. As a consequence, switching element SW B 10b sends an ISUP 5 SETUP message 130 to switching element SW C 10c. The switching element SW B 10b may include in the message an indication that it wishes to set up an IP connection, for example as a parameter specifying an IP address corresponding to the IP gateway of switch element SW B. The switching element SW C 10c responds 10 by sending 135 a message such as a CHANNEL INFO message specifying an IP address corresponding to the IP gateway connected to switch element SW C. After receiving the IP address, switching element SW B may start sending 140 speech data to switching element C via the IP gateways and the IP network.

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

An object of the invention is to realize a method, which alleviates the problems associated with prior art. A further object of the invention is to realize such a method with minimal changes to existing protocols.

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Claims

1. Method for optimizing data transmission in a telephone network, **characterized** in that the method comprises at least steps, in which
 - a first switching network element (10b) examines (200, 305, 310), if the incoming leg of a user data connection is transmitted from a second switching network element (10a) via a packet data network and if the outgoing leg of the same user data connection is transmitted to a third switching network element (10c) via said packet data network,
 - if both the incoming and the outgoing legs are transmitted via said packet data network, said first switching network element indicates (210, 320) to one of said second and third switching network elements an address of said packet data network corresponding to the other of said second and third switching network elements.
- 10 2. A method according to claim 1, **characterized** in that the method further comprises a step, in which said first switching network element releases (240, 325) the user data connection between said first switching network element and said one of said second and third switching network elements.
- 15 3. A method according to claim 1, **characterized** in that said one of said second and third switching network elements is said second switching network element and
- 20 said other of said second and third switching network elements is said third switching network element.
4. A method according to claim 1, **characterized** in that said packet data network is an IP network and said address of said packet data network is an IP address.
- 25 5. A method according to claim 4, **characterized** in that said address of said packet data network is an IPv4 address according to RFC 791.
6. A method according to claim 4, **characterized** in that said address of said packet data network is an IPv6 address according to RFC 1883.
- 30 7. A method according to claim 1, **characterized** in that said address corresponding to said one of said second and third switching network elements is indicated to said other of said second and third switching network elements switching element using (210) a call control release message.

8. A method according to claim 7, **characterized** in that said indication is attached (210) to a ISUP RELEASE message.
9. A method according to claim 1, **characterized** in that said connection is a speech data connection.
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11. A method according to claim 1, **characterized** in that said switching network element is a MSC of a cellular telecommunications network.
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14. A switching network element (400) of a telephone network, **characterized** in that the network element comprises at least
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 - means (454) for indicating a packet data network address corresponding to one of the switching network element at the receiving end of said outgoing leg and the switching network element at the originating end of said incoming leg to the other of the switching network element at the receiving end of said outgoing leg and the switching network element at the originating end of said incoming leg as a response to said output, and
 - means (455) for sending a connection release message as a response to said output to said one of the switching network element at the receiving end of said outgoing leg and the switching network element at the originating end of said incoming leg.
- 25 15. A switching network element according to claim 14, **characterized** in that said one of the switching network element at the receiving end of said outgoing leg and the switching network element at the originating end of said incoming leg is the switching network element at the receiving end of said outgoing leg; and said other of the switching network element at the receiving end of said outgoing leg and the switching network element at the originating end of said incoming leg is the switching network element at the originating end of said incoming leg.